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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application of:

Reinhard DEUTSCH, et al.

Appl. No. 09/987,210

Confirmation No. 6730

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR MANIPULATING COUPONS  
AND THE LIKE IN CIGARETTE  
PACKING MACHINES

Examiner: Thanh K. Truong

Art Unit: 3721

Customer No. **26694**  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 26, 2004, the period for responding to which has been extended for three months by the concurrently filed Request for Extension of Time to July 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 12 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.